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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2003.

By the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 3-11. The Examiner indicated that Claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

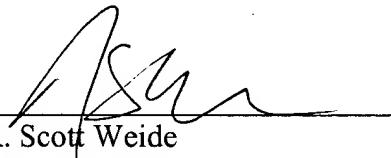
Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitation of Claim 2, which has now been canceled. As such, independent Claim 1 is believed to be in a condition for allowance, as are Claims 3-5 dependent thereon. Applicant has cancelled Claims 6-11.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 12-19 are allowable.

Summary

Applicant asserts that Claims 1, 3-5 and 12-19 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice as to the same. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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